

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement filed September 26, 2008

Applicants note that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on September 26, 2008 together with a Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), a communication from a foreign patent office, and references. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the disclosed information and return an initialed PTO/SB/08 form with the next communication from the PTO.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

On page 2 of the Office Action, in paragraph 2, claims 1-23 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of copending Application No. 10/537781.

In response, and to expedite allowance, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant submit that this rejection has been obviated, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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